

Reflections: Three K-State alumni reflect on 9/11



The south tower of the World Trade Center explodes as United Airlines Flight 175 crashes into it on Sept. 11, 2001.

Cary Conover | K-State Alumnus

“YOU COULD TELL BY THE LOOKS ON PEOPLE’S FACES THAT THEY WERE STUNNED.”

Steve Wolgast
former New York Times news design editor

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managing editor

A personal reflection about 9/11 is unique to each person. No two stories are exactly the same. Each story is powerful and moving in its own right. These memories of a day that will never be forgotten are not always easy to recount.

Here are three reflections from K-State alumni who were in Washington, D.C. and New York City on the day of the attacks.

STEVE WOLGAST: NEW YORK CITY - THE NEW YORK TIMES

On Sept. 11, Steve Wolgast was the news design editor for the National desk at The New York Times. He had been at the Times for about a year. Wolgast is currently the Collegian's adviser and director of Student Publications Inc.

“I was working nights, so I was going to bed late. I slept late. I turned on the radio as I usually did and the first thing I heard was that the second tower was falling,” Wolgast said. “I had no idea what they were talking about.”

Wolgast listened to the radio thinking that this was a recap of old news. There had been a bomb detonated in 1993 in the World Trade Center garage. As the reporter continued, Wolgast realized that the reporter was talking about current events.

“I realized that this was not some old newscast. . . I turned on the television and there

was the picture of all the smoke and the Twin Towers,” Wolgast said. “I don’t remember my immediate reaction at that point other than just disbelief.”

Wolgast made a few personal phone calls after hearing the report. One of those calls was to his then girlfriend, who is now his wife, Robin Bentz.

“I called her to see if she was okay because she lived closer to ground zero than I did,” Wolgast said. “She was perfectly fine, but the phones didn’t go through. So I walked down to her apartment which was on Houston street...she was still probably about a mile away from it.”

Walking to his girlfriend’s apartment was the first time Wolgast encountered the aftermath of the attacks. Wolgast lived on 52nd Street and was unable to see the towers from his apartment.

“This would have been around noon that day,” Wolgast said. “I don’t remember any cars. Everybody who had a car and could drive had left. . . people were walking. Everybody was walking uptown and I was going downtown. Just hoards of people and it wasn’t like tourists looking around or even New Yorkers walking to their destination. You could tell by the looks on people’s faces that they were stunned.”

Wolgast also noticed as he walked how people’s dress changed from more leisurely clothing to business attire.

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These photographs, taken Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001 in New York City, show the unfolding of the attack on World Trade Center. The south tower was hit at 9:03 a.m., less than 20 minutes after the north tower.

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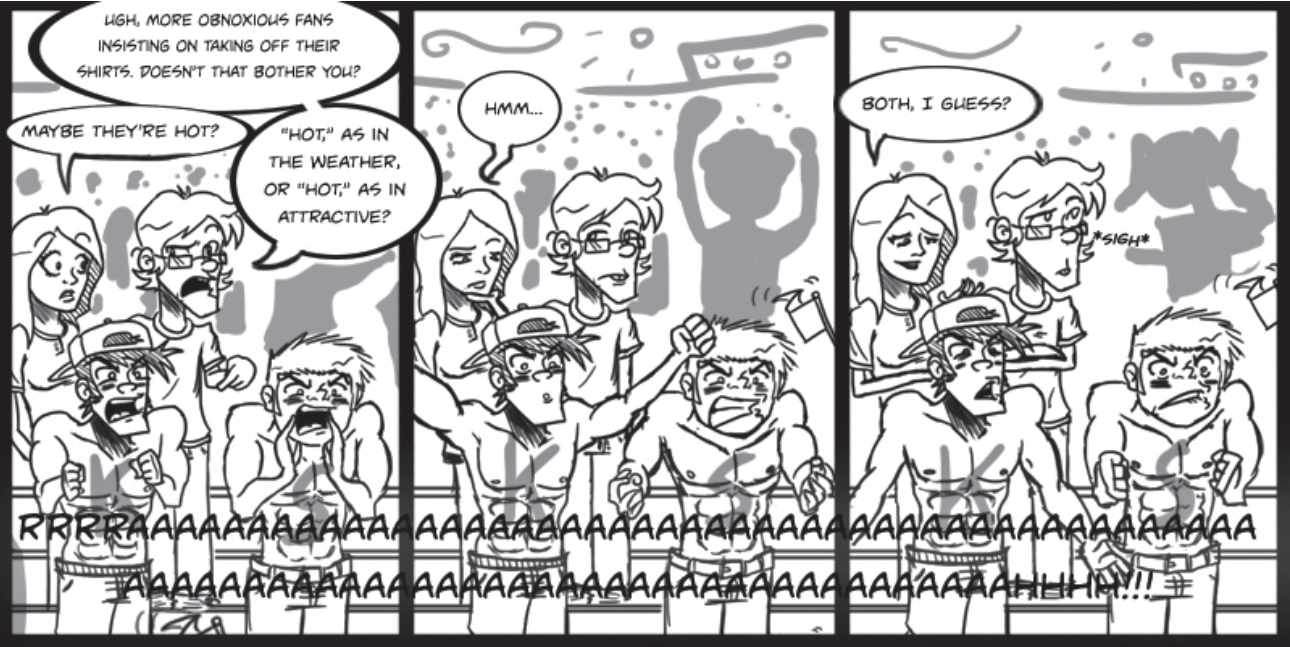
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By Parker Wilhelm



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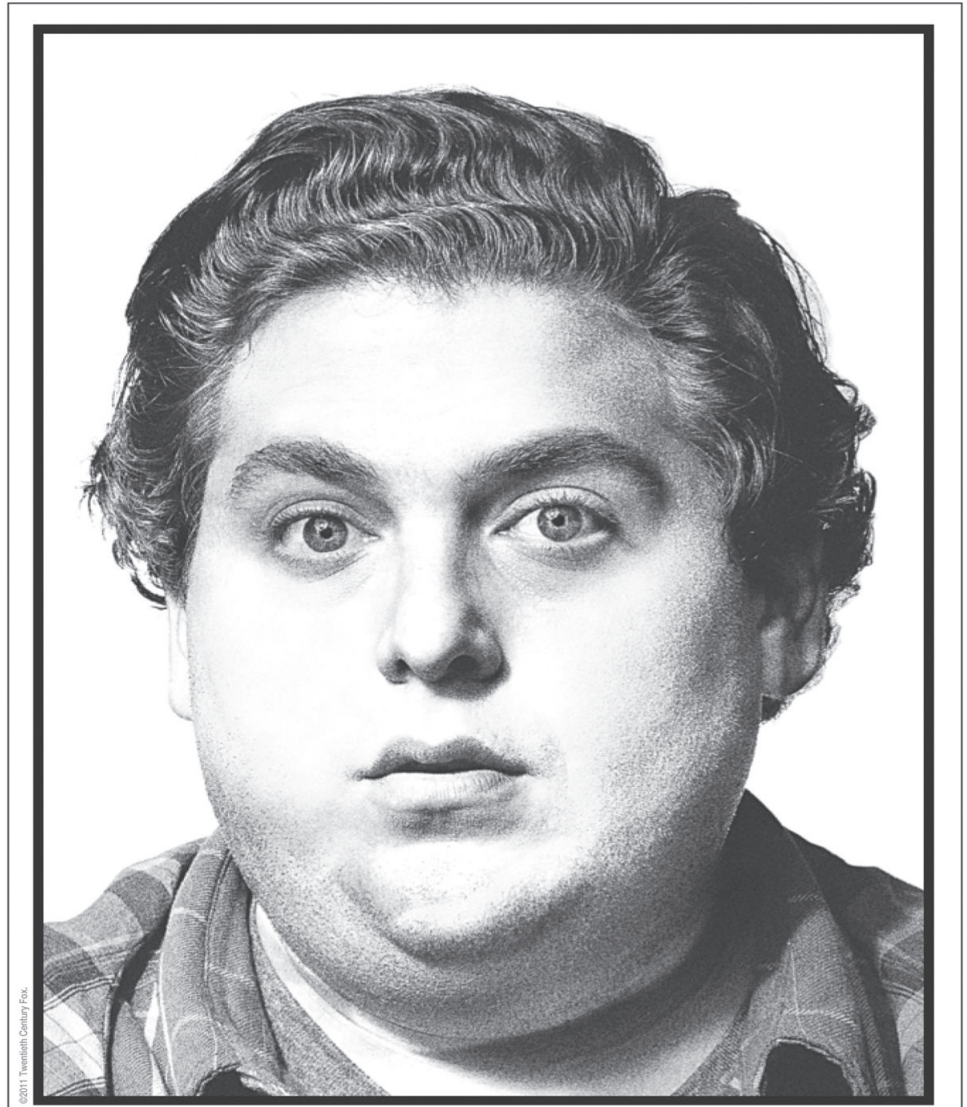
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Rumors, rush to pumps drain gas supply

Nancy Foster
Kansas State Collegian

Rumors of soaring gas prices sent hundreds of Manhattan residents and students to fill up at local gas stations, causing a gas shortage throughout the city.

Streets throughout Manhattan were backed up for hundreds of feet while cars waited to get gas. People mulled around their cars, waiting, asking if others had heard Manhattan's prices would increase to \$4 and \$5.

Contrary to rumors, however, prices in Manhattan on the average did not increase. The average price was around \$1.68 per gallon all day. Only two known stations, Texaco Food Mart and Shop Quik, increased their prices to higher, both setting prices at \$2.79 per gallon.

When Jared Wiesner, sophomore in political science, heard the rumors, he rushed to the nearest gas station, where he waited in line for 20 minutes.

"Can you believe this

stuff?" he said, looking at the trail of cars entering Dara's Fast Lane on Claflin Street, a trail that stretched east down Claflin to north on Denison Avenue.

"I was sitting around, and a guy at the house came down and said, 'Hey, did you hear gas in Wichita went up to \$4.50 a gallon?'" Wiesner said. "So I raced down here to fill up."

Sarah McClanahan, junior in family life and West Hall resident, said women were running through the halls telling everyone that gas prices were going up.

"I heard that Topeka just went up \$5 or so, so then Manhattan was going to go up in the next hour," McClanahan said. "So I ran out as fast as I could."

Statewide, prices ranged between \$1.65 and \$4.

"If people had cars, they were filling them up," McClanahan said. "I'm going on word of mouth, counting on the fact it is going to happen," she said.

The rush to the pumps

caused many stations' gas supply to run out. It was a problem that forced many stations to turn customers away, but it wasn't unexpected. By mid-afternoon, many stations knew it was inevitable.

At around 4 p.m., Dara's Fast Lane store manager Chris Green said the station expected to run out shortly. He said they wouldn't get more until Wednesday, and when they did, prices would increase by 20 cents.

Dara's went through about 3,000 gallons of gas in an hour and a half, Green said. On a typical day, 150-250 gallons are sold during this time span.

As he directed cars in and out, he said he had never seen a sight like Tuesday's.

"On Thanksgiving, when everyone goes home on the same day, it gets pretty bad, but here you don't see an end in sight," he said.

Amoco experienced the same thing. Cars piled into the station from both entrances, fighting for a spot at

the pump. At around 5 p.m., cashier Marilyn Ortega said they were close to running out of gas.

She said they also would replenish their supply Tuesday night.

"We're getting more tonight, but the truck is stuck in Salina because they can't get gas because it's like this," she said, motioning out the window.

Chesleigh Hoster, freshman in theater, was at Amoco with a friend filling her car with gas. Looking around, she said she didn't understand why all of it was happening.

"I'm just confused because I don't know what's going to happen next. Everyone I know has got their cars, filling them up," she said.

The reason she and her friends went to the gas station in the first place was because of a phone call she received from her mother.

"My mom called me, freaking out," Hoster said. "She said 'Get food, get gas, and get the hell out of there.'"

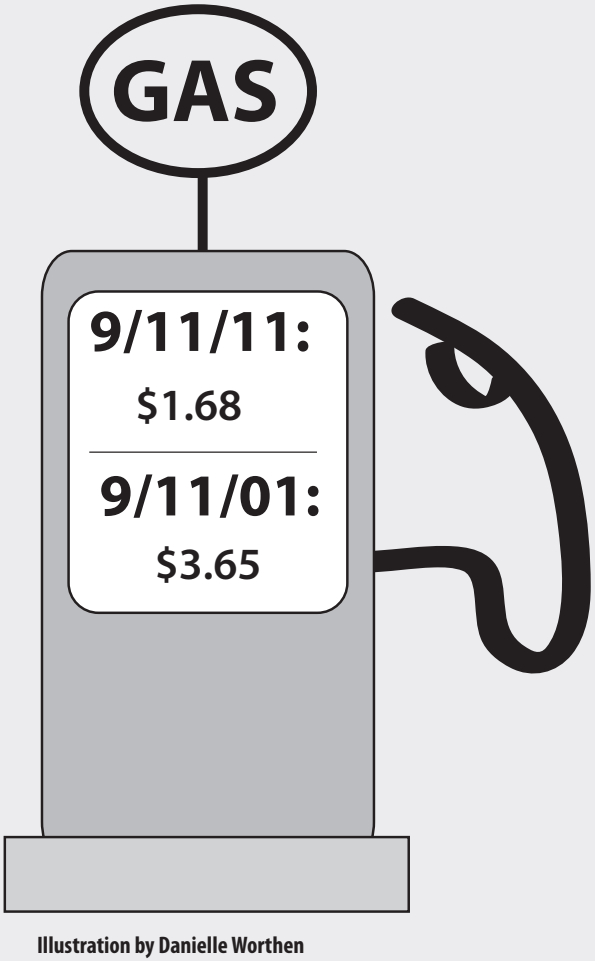


Illustration by Danielle Worthen

No flights until FAA lifts mandate

Alyson Raletz
Kansas State Collegian

Scattered across the Kansas sky, five K-State-Salina students landed their planes prematurely when the Federal Aviation Agency prohibited all nationwide air traffic on Tuesday.

Tom Karcz, a student flight instructor and senior in airway science, said he left Salina at 7 a.m. for a routine training flight to Kansas City International Airport.

At 8:45 a.m., Karcz said, Kansas City air traffic controllers told him to land immediately or fly back to Salina.

"When he said there had been a terrorist attack, both my student and I had chills," he said. "We just looked at each other and didn't know what to expect. I figured since I am from Kansas City, I wanted to be near home if what was going on was serious, so we landed."

At that time, he said, the controllers told them they could fly back to Salina, since the warning was not intended for planes who follow Visual Flight Rules, which are the smaller aircrafts students and private owners use most.

At around 9:30 a.m., he said, they had barely made it to Lawrence when the FAA issued a mandate commanding all aircraft to land.

Stranded in Lawrence's small airport, he said, they sipped coffee and watched network news like it was their lifeline.

"It was mind-boggling," he said. "Everyone just seemed to be in such shock."

Dennis Kuhlman, dean of the College of Technology and Aviation, said he waited for the FAA to allow air travel, but he finally dispatched two cars in the afternoon to retrieve the students from Lawrence, Osborne and Topeka.

According to dispatch office records, more than 100 student flights were cancelled, and all flights will be cancelled until the FAA lifts its mandate.

"This has not only stopped

"It was mind-boggling. Everyone just seemed to be in such shock."

Tom Karcz
Student flight instructor and senior in airway science

all active flight training," Kuhlman said. "We are supposed to be transporting a lot of people for athletic recruiting this weekend. There may not be a football game this weekend if no one can fly. We will have no team to play."

He said students will be able to make up lost training hours through the university's four flight simulators. A couple of days of lost air time should not be a significant academic setback for students, he said.

Adama Allmond, sophomore in airway science, said he was stuck at Billard Airport

in Topeka for most of the day. Allmond said he was on his way back from Kansas City, Mo., when Kansas City Center told him he had to land.

He said he responded to the order, but he did not understand yet what had happened on land that required the air to be clear.

"I got down as quick as I could," he said. "I just wanted to find out what was going on. I wasn't worried for my safety, but I was anxious to see why I had to land."

He said he learned about the World Trade Center and Pentagon explosions from other pilots who were recently stranded. Most of them were from Kansas, but there were also pilots traveling to California and New Mexico stuck at the airport.

"They never trained us for something like this in class," Allmond said. "They told us to always follow instructions when told to land, but they were usually referring to bad weather conditions. We were never prepared for something of this magnitude."

Toward the afternoon, he said, everyone at the airport was conscious of the day's tragedies, but they were eager to get back in the air.

"They all wanted to know, 'When are things returning to normal?'" he said. "Where do we go from here?"

Manhattan and Salina Municipal Airports also shut down today and are not allowing any planes to take off until the FAA permits air traffic.

Fort Riley soliders cope with 9/11

Nancy Foster
Kansas State Collegian

Sharene Davis' stomach churned with anxiety Tuesday afternoon. All she could think about was her sisters, her cousin and her in-laws.

For Davis, a Fort Riley soldier, the terrorist attack wasn't something she just watched on television, gasping over — it hit home. Her sisters work at the World Trade Center. And her cousin works across the street from it.

"My heart sunk into my chest," Davis said when she heard about the attack.

Her first thought was of her family, who all live in Davis' hometown of Brooklyn, N.Y. Were they OK? Were they at work?

Expecting the worst but hoping for the best, she called one of her sisters.

"I called her, and I said, 'Tell me my sisters are OK.' There was a pause. I said, 'Tell me my sisters are OK, tell me,'" she said.

What she got was the best — her sister's voice on the other line. Neither of them were at work that day as scheduled. They both had run late.

"All I could hear was, 'Oh my god,' a shocked sound, of 'Oh my god, that could have been me,'" she said.

Her sisters were on their way out the door when the first plane hit the twin towers.

Then they saw the second.

"When the TV told them there were planes that had been hijacked, my sister looked out and saw the plane actually hit the trade center," she said.

Davis' next thought was her cousin. Was she OK? Was she at work that day? Had her sisters heard from her?

"For some reason, my cousin was at my sister's house 'cause she was late, too," Davis said.

Looking at the sky, she said, "I just had to sit down and pray."

Her family members were fortunate, she said — someone was looking out for them.

"It has to be spiritual," she said. "Things happen for a reason."

This didn't calm the butterflies in her stomach, though.

"You know, if you're a spiritual person, the Bible says life is not promised for tomorrow — you have to live minute-by-minute," she said. "This makes you say, 'Oh my goodness, we need to make some changes.'"

Davis had been trying to get a hold of her husband, also a soldier at Fort Riley, but couldn't. His family also is from New York.

"I have butterflies because I'm just waiting to hear from my husband," she said.

"For people who are on the outside, it doesn't really hit them with a grieving feeling, but with me, it was

almost like a sense of loss because my family members work there. And it's not over. My husband's family still works there, and we haven't gotten a hold of them."

Davis said she and her husband might have to go on emergency leave to see their families.

"This is an emotional situation," she said. "Everyone is devastated. Everyone is calling and finding out, 'Hey, did you hear from...?'"

"Then, when you talk to them, you here their voices about to break because they're going to cry."

Davis, one of many waiting to pass Fort Riley's security check, said her anxiety increased more and more the longer it took to get on base.

"My heart is just sinking," she said. "I'm having a sense of urgency to find out what's going on. I can't wait to get on base."

She had been waiting in line for an hour.

Though the checks were separating her from finding her husband, she said they were good — and necessary.

"This is a precaution to protect," Davis said.

Another soldier echoed her sentiments.

"This is a good idea. I think what we are going through is the biggest tragedy," Roy O'Brien said. "My only advice is be patient with the military. We will vindicate what's going on."

THEN AND NOW

Reactions to the attacks on Sept. 11

editors note: these comments were taken on September 12, 2011.

"As the events have been unfolding, it is increasingly clear that this is an unprecedented attack in American history."

Jon Wefald
K-STATE PRESIDENT

"I'm scared. I think it's a wake-up call for the country. We need to sit back and reflect about ourselves. We could be whisked away in the twink of an eye."

Tramaine Watts
SOUTHWEST CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OPERATIONS CENTER IN FORT RILEY
JUNIOR, HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

"I'm shocked. I guess that's the major emotion for everyone right now. Just look at the pictures. It looks like a movie. I had no idea that anything like this could happen."

Chris Ricke
SECOND YEAR, ARCHITECTURE

"I'm completely shocked. I think it's sick, and these people are just the biggest cowards I can imagine. I really hope that Bush does something drastic — apprehends them or something. Whatever it takes, I'm for it."

Erik Wisner
JUNIOR, POLITICAL SCIENCE

"Whoever has done this is indeed a coward. It is an enemy of not just one person but everyone. We felt fear, shock, traumatized — it's a crime against humanity. We are here to help out — we'll be here to help our American friends."

Yasin Janjua
GRADUATE STUDENT, ECONOMICS

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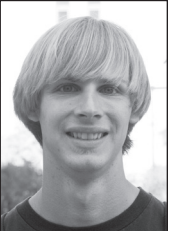
Where were you when you found out about the 9/11 attacks? How did you find out?

"I was in school and my grandpa came into my class and told me because I had a family member in the towers."



Samantha Ferrell
SOPHOMORE, PSYCHOLOGY

"I was in middle school and I found out when I got to school. They had it playing all over the TVs."



Jeremy Millershaski
JUNIOR, AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

"I was in sixth grade. We had a break, and when we came back we went on lockdown and hid under our desks. Then after the lockdown was over, our teacher told us what happened."



Matthew Myers
JUNIOR, NUCLEAR ENGINEERING

"I was in seventh grade and a teacher came in and told us. We got out of school only two hours into the school day. When my dad got home from work, he explained what was going on."



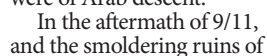
Daniel Flores
SENIOR, CRIMINOLOGY

"I was at home because I was home schooled. My dad called my mom and told her to turn on the TV. I freaked out. I didn't know what would happen, if we would be safe."



Eli Anderson
SENIOR, DIGITAL MEDIA

Military in Middle East needed



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"I remember seeing men in their suits, walking up town with a T-shirt around their neck and I thought that was so weird...they had used them to mask their faces when they were escaping from lower Manhattan," Wolgast said.

After checking in on his girlfriend, Wolgast went into work. His days off from the paper were Monday and Tuesday, but since people were having trouble getting into the city, they needed those who could get to the newsroom, to come in.

"There were stories about people finding ways to get across a bridge if they found a cooperative police officer," Wolgast said. "Everybody had a Times ID that had the logo and everything but a lot of people just could not get into the office."

The newsroom was on 43rd Street at the time. The first deadline at the time was at 10 p.m. Wolgast said he thinks he went in around 2 or 3 p.m.

"People were very focused. One thing that is said about the Times is that people who work there in the newsroom have had so much experience, they really know what they are doing and they know how to do it well," Wolgast said.

Wolgast doesn't remember a lot of events that stand out in the newsroom until the evening. During the day, Wolgast was working on putting together the pages in preparation for the night.

Groups were meeting to discuss which photographs were going to go into the paper and what stories would run, along with which pages these items would go on. Wolgast said that he remembers the editor and the deputy editor of the paper coming around to look at the designers' computers.

"They just wanted to see what the paper was looking like at that point," Wolgast said.

At the time, the paper was printed outside of the city of Manhattan. While Wolgast was working, there was some question of whether or not the paper would be able to get into the city.

After leaving work on the morning following Sept. 11, Wolgast remembers seeing a fire station close to his apartment.

"I came to the fire station and the ladder truck was parked where you would park a car, on the curb," Wolgast said. "It was

covered in dust...a think layer of dust. It had this brass bell on it, like an old fashioned fire bell, it was bent on the iron piece that held it up and the windshields were cracked and blown out. That's when it really hit me on that day, being physically close, connected to something apart of what happened."

Wolgast found out after the attacks that about a half dozen men from that fire station had been killed in the Twin Towers.

**ANDY NELSON:
WASHINGTON, D.C. –
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
MONITOR**

Andy Nelson, R.M. Seaton professional journalism chair and assistant professor of journalism and digital media, moved to Washington, D.C. in November of 1997. Nelson was a photojournalist for the Christian Science Monitor.

"I was on Capitol Hill getting ready to photograph Laura Bush," Nelson said. "Someone came in and said 'this hearing isn't going to happen. There is a plane that crashed into the World Trade Center.'"

"I think there was a lot of confusion, a lot of shock. People didn't know really know what to make of the situation... People had no idea what and when and where and how it was all going to end."

**Andy Nelson
former photojournalist
for the Christian Science
Monitor**

Nelson first thought it was a small plane, but after seeing reports while standing a senator's office, Nelson knew it was something bigger. Nelson left the senate hearing rooms and walked across the street to get on the Metro system to head back to the bureau.

At the time, the office was located at 16th and K Street. Two blocks from the White House.

"Somewhere between the time I left to the time I got to my office was when the Pentagon had been hit by the plane," Nelson said.

Nelson's first reaction was getting the story told.

"I had to have pictures into (the Christian Science Monitor) by 11 or 11:30...so I ended up photographing people reacting by the White House," Nelson said. "I think there was a lot of confusion, a lot of shock. People didn't know really know what to make of the situation... People had no idea what and when and where and how it was all going to end."

"They were evacuating buildings," Nelson said. "It was chaos."

After photographing the people at the White House, Nelson then tried to get to the Pentagon.

"I got to the Pentagon later that day," Nelson said. "It wasn't easy to get there."

By the time Nelson arrived, the area around the Pentagon had been secured. The people there were working on things that needed to be done to start with the clean-up process.

During this time, Nelson started to think about how to continue telling the story in the following weeks.

"The day of, we were trying to make sense of what had happened," Nelson said. "We weren't trying to speculate or get ahead of ourselves and what the real story was. On the 12th, (we got) into the mode of figuring out what it all meant."

The reporter that Nelson was working with got selected for the pool at the White House press conference.

"I was curious about what was going on at the White House. I felt like the President was going to be making a statement at some point," said Nelson. "It became apparent by some of the activity that he was going to make a statement in the Oval Office. I was able to be in there as one of a handful of photographers."

Nelson was able to photograph the president as he spoke with former mayor of New York, Rudy Giuliani. There was also a moment that the president started to tear up while he was thinking of the families of those effected by the attacks.

Nelson said he was present for what he thought, "was a very powerful moment with the president."

On Sept. 12 there was also a candlelight vigil by the reflecting pool in front of the Capitol. It was a place for people from all walks of life to come together and show how they were feeling and reacting to such an

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Students volunteer, remember 9/11 victims

Kelly McHugh
staff writer

Patriotism is defined in Webster's dictionary as a "love or devotion for one's country." While some spent their morning in the bars celebrating the made-up holiday of Halfway to Fake Patty's Day, others displayed their patriotism by spending the day volunteering with HandsOn K-State to honor and remember the victims of 9/11 on Saturday.

HandsOn K-State is a student-run organization that offers ways for students to get involved through volunteering for the community. HandsOn K-State held a volunteer project for students to serve, honor and remember the tragedy that took the lives of nearly 3,000 people 10 years ago.

Jackie Baker, senior in public relations, has been working with HandsOn for two years.

"Today is known nationally as a day of service, so national affiliates encouraged us to put on this event; we started planning it as early as June," Baker said.

The event began at Triangle Park in Aggieville at 9 a.m.; the same time bars like Porter's and O'Malley's Alley opened for the day. The line of volunteers, despite other events occurring in Aggieville that morning, was long. There were more than 10 locations for volunteers to serve at, from the Manhattan Emergency Shelter to the Ogen House of Hope.

Baker volunteered with a group to help a retired military couple living in Manhattan. The wife had served more than 20 years in the military and her husband served more than 30. Today, they have trouble keeping up the daily chores around their house. Baker said it was a great opportunity to help people who have given so much to our country.

"It was really neat," Baker

said. "We just did little things, like clean the showers."

The site leader at the Flint Hills Breadbasket, Ismael Hernandez, freshman in construction science and management, said, "We're just helping out where people need help, we're putting together boxes to give to people in need. We'll pack over 150 boxes today."

Another volunteer project that occurred during the day was the placing of more than 2,800 flags in Triangle Park to honor, respect and remember those lives that were lost on 9/11. Some flags displayed ribbons to respect some specific groups of people.

343 flags had purple ribbons tied to them to remember the number of firefighters and paramedics killed, 60 of the flags had white ribbons tied to them to remember the NYPD and Port Authority Police officers who lost their lives and 115 of the flags displayed black ribbons to show the number of nations who lost citizens in the terrorist attack.

Kelly McBrien, junior in elementary education, heard about the event online and was one of the volunteers who placed flags and tied ribbons.

"I feel like being the tenth anniversary it's really important to remember all those who have fallen and the victims," McBrien said.

A group of 16 volunteers placed the flags in Triangle Park. Six of these volunteers were not American citizens. John Hatfield, assistant director of service programs K-State, expressed his gratefulness in having their support with the volunteer projects.

Lynda Bachelor, project coordinator for the School of Leadership Studies, is a K-State graduate and lives in Manhattan. Bachelor said there were 140 volunteers that served on Saturday.

Every volunteer was given a T-shirt with a blank space on the



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Dani Lucas, senior in family studies and human services, and **Ashley Christians**, senior in psychology, finger paint artwork for various organizations around Manhattan and Fort Riley.

back to fill in the name of whom they were serving for.

"You get to volunteer in honor of someone," Bachelor said.

Bachelor also talked about some other projects people could help with. They made a banner where people could write where they were during the events of 9/11. Also, there were blank canvases where volunteers were able to use their handprints in red and blue paint to make a

unique picture of the American flag. The pictures are going to be distributed to the local police, fire and rescue, first responders and those serving on Fort Riley.

Bachelor said this year was the first that the event was held off campus and in Triangle Park and it enabled the community, as well as K-State students, to get involved to serve, remember and honor the victims, survivors and first responders of 9/11.

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enormous situation.

"The amazing thing about that is you have thousands of people and you would hear people singing the national anthem or 'God Bless America.' It felt like there was this unity, that tragedy brought people together," Nelson said. "When you're at the reflecting pool and you have candles and people with flags and people singing and there is very little outside noise it became a very powerful moment."

Nelson said that he defaults to getting out the door and working but there were moments for personal reflection during all the work.

"I do think you have to be aware of the historical impact of what you're seeing and what you're covering," Nelson said.

SUSAN EDGERLEY:
NEW YORK CITY –
NEW YORK TIMES

Susan Edgerley, assistant managing editor at The New York Times, was living in Brooklyn Heights on Sept. 11, 2001.

"I heard the boom of the impact," Edgerley said. "I thought it was a truck going over a metal plate in the street."

Edgerley said that she got a call from her neighbor who was on a bridge letting her know that a plane had hit the World Trade Center. She was able to get into the city before both of the towers fell and the bridges were closed.

On Sept. 11, Edgerley was the deputy metro editor at

the Times. She had reporters covering the city-wide elections.

"We had planned for the city election. We flooded the precincts with reporters," said Edgerly.

From her home, Edgerley started calling reporters to get people into the field. Edgerley thought it would be hard to get reporters mobilized, but she said that people just went.

With almost 100 reporters for the Metro desk, Edgerley had to help direct coverage.

"I knew I had to be in the newsroom," Edgerley said. "That's our job to work the story. We had to focus on accomplishing something."

The days following the attacks, reporters started looking for lists of those missing, but no official lists were being released. Edgerley said that the list was the flyers and signs being posted all around the city by family members.

Edgerley said that The New York Times created Portraits of Grief as a, "singular way to approach at least a piece of the story." Portraits of Grief was the idea of a reporter and an editor as a way to document those missing.

"Many people would tell you that Portraits of Grief were a comfort," Edgerley said.

Edgerley said that she thinks the paper was finished at 2:45 on the morning of Sept. 12.

"That story never ended," Edgerley said. "It hasn't been over."



Above: K-State and Riley County police officers receive hand-printed flags at the 9/11 Day of Remembrance. The flags were individually hand-printed by students and community members at Triangle Park on Sept. 9.

Below: The 9/11 Day of Remembrance started at 2 p.m. in Bosco Student Plaza. Volunteers handed out yellow ribbons and programs to attendees.



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Local first responders, soldiers honored at 9/11 memorial

Karen Ingram
coverage editor,
interim news editor

More than 70 people gathered in Bosco Student Plaza to mark the tenth anniversary of 9/11 together with prayer, song and gifts. The Union Program Council, HandsOn K-State and other organizations as well as individuals from the K-State and Manhattan community came together to share thoughts of 9/11, past and present.

Erich Schwartz, pastor for Fairview Presbyterian Church and Riley Presbyterian Church in Riley, Kans. led the invocation. A retired Army chaplain, Schwartz was on active duty in September 2001, teaching ethics for the Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood, Miss.

"A chaplain buddy of mine said 'this day is going to affect the rest of our lives,'" Schwartz said.

Schwartz said he enjoyed the acapela performances. "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung by In-A-Chord while the audience stood with their hands over their hearts, or saluting. United Black Voices did a rendition of "Amazing Grace."

Schwartz also said he thought the speakers had powerful comments, especially former Student Body Vice President Brandon Kauffman.

Kauffman, a 2002 alumnus, was student body vice president when the terrorist attacks occurred. Kauffman presented a speech to the audience describ-

ing his experiences on that day and what the university did to respond.

Kauffman said by the afternoon of 9/11, the Student Senate met with school staff

"It's very humbling to see the people who give so much for our country"

Nate Spriggs
student body president

and planned a fundraising campaign and other ways to show their support. Students wore purple and white ribbons, gave money and signed university flags to send to New York and Washington as a show of support. Three trees were also planted in Bosco Student Plaza, which still stand today with plaques commemorating each site of attack and the victims.

"One of the greatest memories was of the university coming together to mourn the losses of that day," Kauffman said.

McCain filled up, as did overflow seating in both theaters in the K-State Student Union. Still more students gathered in the cafeteria to participate, Kauffman said.

Kauffman also called upon K-State students to "honor the victims of 9/11, for those fighting for freedom, for the betterment of this country and world by becoming the best that we are capable of becoming."

Mayor Jim Sherow, an Air

Force veteran and the son of a World War II vet, talked about the sacrifices his father's generation made for their country. Food, rubber, gasoline and more were all rationed while taxes were increased to support the war effort. Sherow asked people to think about those sacrifices and the sacrifices made by the men and women of the armed forces serving today.

Student Body President Nate Spriggs, junior in agricultural economics, said his favorite part of the ceremony was the presentation of the flags. Hand painted flags were made by members of the community during the Day of Service on Saturday and presented to local first responders and Fort Riley, including the Riley County Police Department, K-State Campus Police, Manhattan and Riley County Fire Departments, First Responders and the K-State Veterans Center.

"It's very humbling to see the people who give so much for our country," Spriggs said.

Steven Bruckner, a sergeant in the Army, came to the ceremony with a friend to see how K-State supports everyone. He said his favorite part was also the presenting of the flags and how UPC took the time to recognize all of the individual groups who serve. Bruckner said he has seen a lot of support from the community and he thought K-State was a very military friendly environment.

"People go out of their way to say thanks when they find out you're military," Bruckner said. "It feels good."

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